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Dear Sir:

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Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent Application No. 09/822,823

Entitled: Method For Separating Cells Using Immunorosettes

Inventors: Terry Thomas, Carrie Peters and Peter Lansdorp

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Art Unit: 1644

The present letter is filed in response to the office action of February 19, 2003.

Applicant is simultaneously submitting a petition for a two month extension of time rendering the deadline for reply July 19, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Disclosure:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 as follows:

A-This application is a continuation-in-part of United States application no. 09/579,463 filed May 26, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,448,075) which claims benefit from United States provisional application serial no. 60/203,477 filed on May 11, 2000 (now

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